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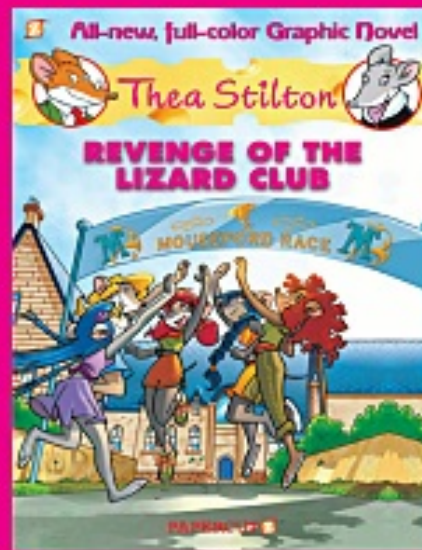
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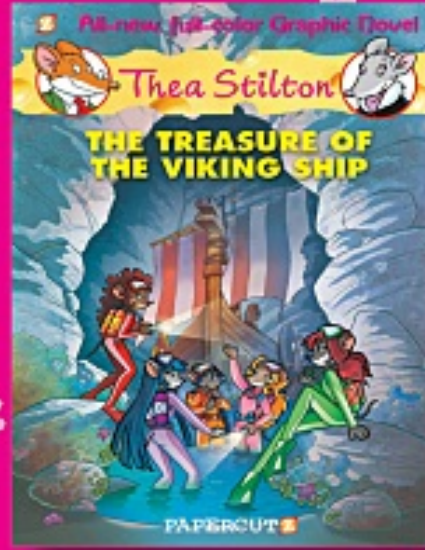
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ON **WHALE ISLAND**, THERE ARE USUALLY A COUPLE OF BRIGHT, WARM SUNNY DAYS IN THE FALL.

THE ISLANDERS CALL THEM THE LAST KISS OF SUMMER-- BECAUSE, THEY SAY, IT'S AS IF SUMMER WANTS TO GIVE THEM A FINAL FAREWELL...

THE TREASURE OF THE VIKING SHIP

WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE BOATS LEAVE THE PORT AND THROW TOGETHER MINI-REGATTAS...

PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN, HOWEVER, TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE WEATHER TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE MARINE FAUNA AND FLORA ALONG THE COAST OF THE ISLAND ONE LAST TIME...

PAMELA, PAULINA, DID YOU GET ALL THE GEAR?

YES, PROFESSOR!

IT WAS PRECISELY DURING ONE OF THESE **SPECIAL** DAYS THAT THE MOST **EXTRAORDINARY** DISCOVERY IN THE HISTORY OF WHALE ISLAND TOOK PLACE...

CLANK

THE BATHY-
SCAPHE*
ROUNDED
VERY WINDY
POINT AND
STOPPED
NEAR
DOLPHIN
ISLE...



"THE WATERS AROUND THE
ISLE ARE VERY DANGEROUS!
THEY CAN ONLY BE STUDIED
ON DAYS WHEN THE SEAS
ARE VERY CALM!"

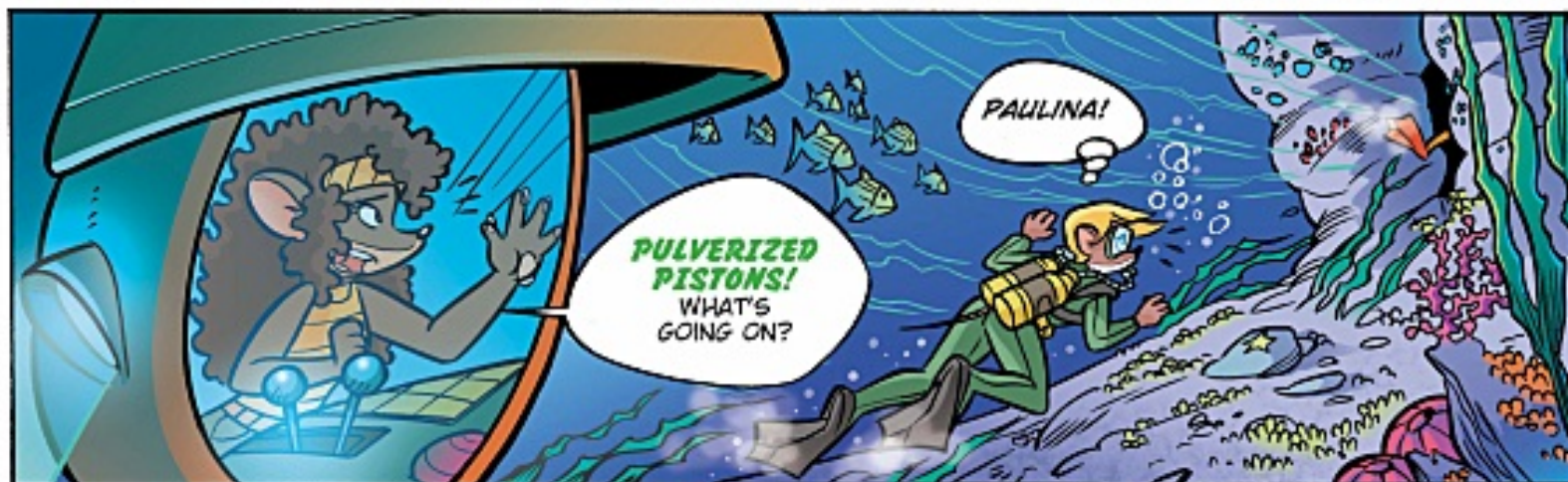


PAULINA
SAW
SOMETHING
ON THE
SEA
FLOOR...

...A VERY STRANGE BOTTLE!



SHE WAS RETURNING TO
THE BATHYSCAPHE WHEN
A DANGEROUS CURRENT
PULLED HER BETWEEN
THE ROCKS!



*BATHYSCAPHE: A MANNED (OR MOUSED) SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL

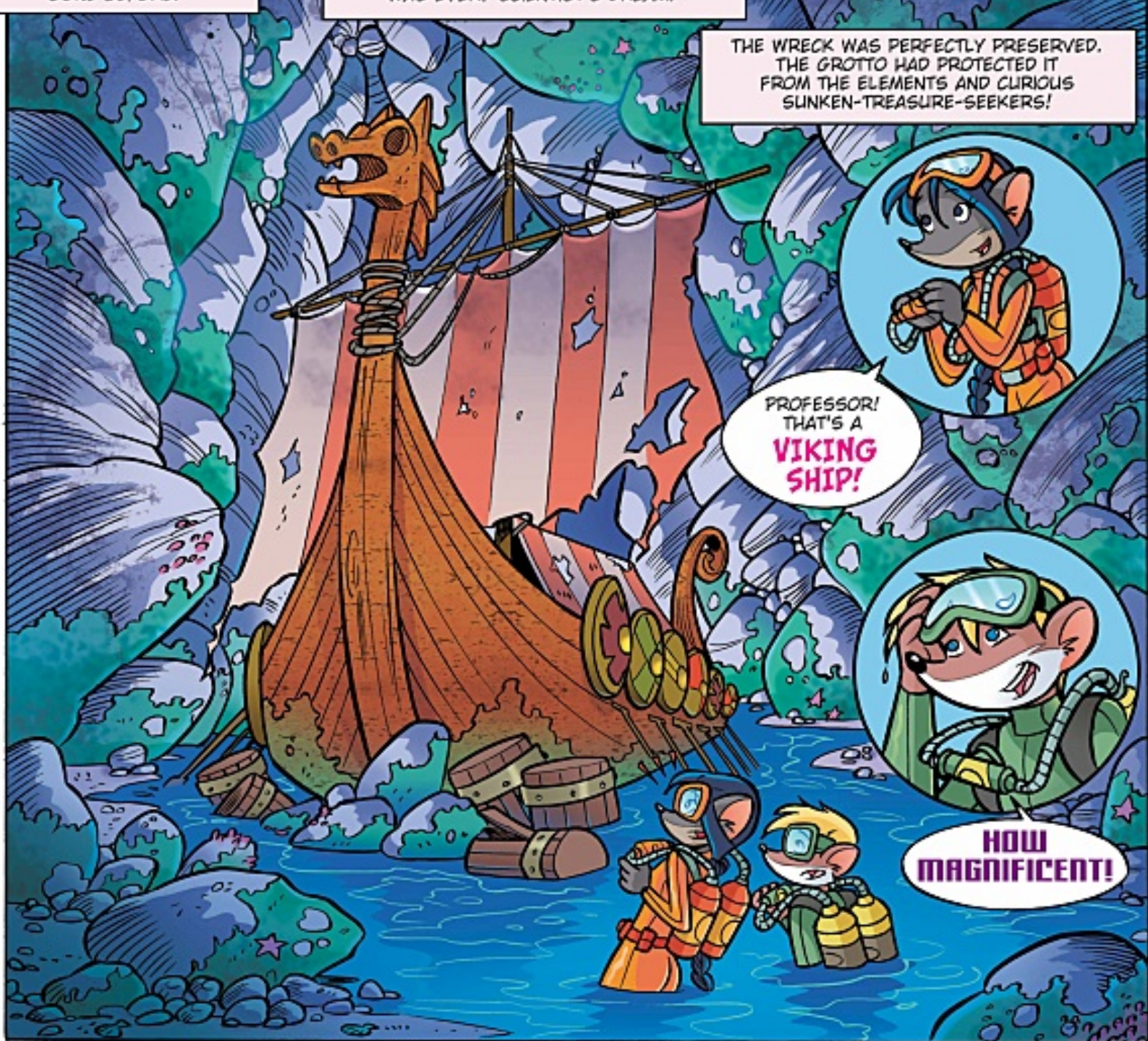
VAN KRAKEN TRIED TO REACH PAULINA, BUT THE VORTEX CAPTURED HIM, DRAGGING HIM ALONG AN UNDERWATER CHANNEL...



...BRINGING HIM INTO A GROTTO WHERE NO RODENT HAD EVER GONE BEFORE!

PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS OWN EYES. THIS DISCOVERY WAS EVERY SCIENTIST'S DREAM!

THE WRECK WAS PERFECTLY PRESERVED. THE GROTTO HAD PROTECTED IT FROM THE ELEMENTS AND CURIOUS SUNKEN-TREASURE-SEEKERS!



PROFESSOR!
THAT'S A
**VIKING
SHIP!**

**HOW
MAGNIFICENT!**

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE DISCOVERY WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOUSEFORD ACADEMY'S GREAT HALL!





"THE STORY I'M ABOUT
TO TELL YOU HAS BEEN
PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE
CENTURIES BY THE PEOPLE OF
WHALE ISLAND!"

"AS I'M SURE YOU ALREADY
KNOW, THE ISLAND WAS
DISCOVERED BY THE VIKING
EXPLORER **HARALD THE GREAT**
OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!"


"HE FOUND THIS LAND SO
BEAUTIFUL AND HOSPITABLE
THAT HE DECIDED TO BUILD
HIS KINGDOM HERE!"



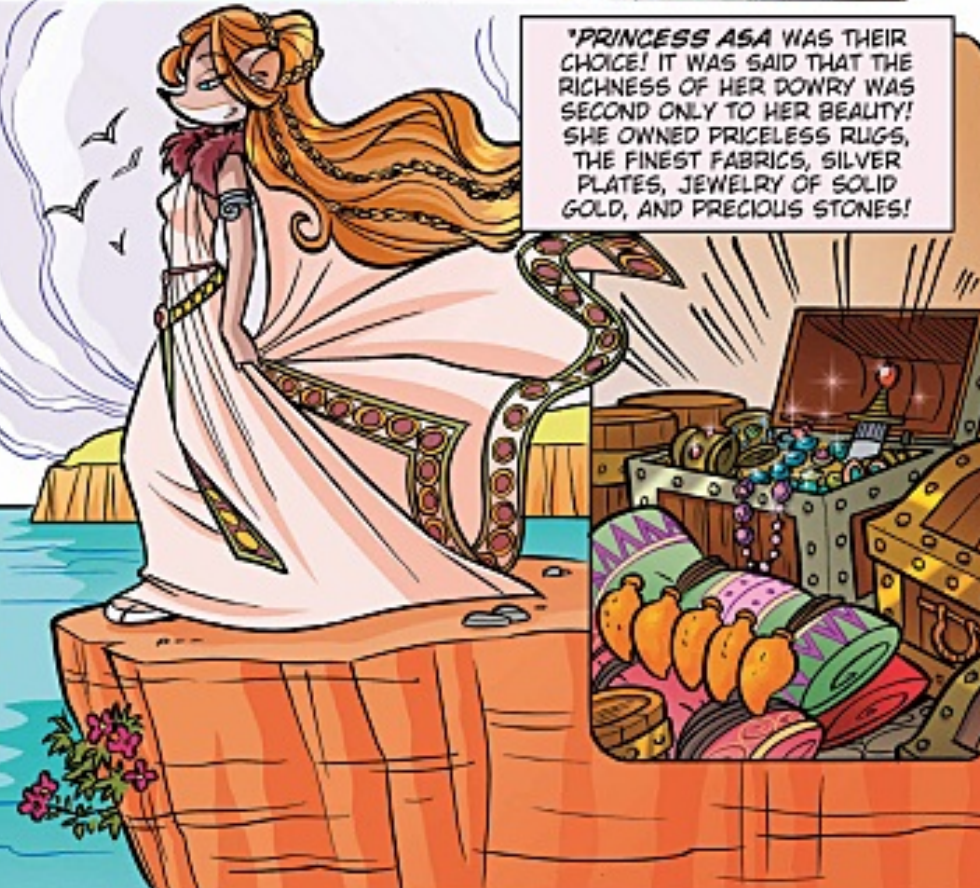
"AND HE BUILT A CASTLE
HERE, RIGHT WHERE
MOUSEFORD ACADEMY
SITS TODAY!"

"THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE
READ THE BOOK **THEA
STILTON AND THE DRAGON'S**
CODE ALREADY KNOW THIS!"

"BUT A KINGDOM'S NOT A REAL
KINGDOM WITHOUT A **QUEEN!**
THEREFORE, HARALD SENT A
MESSAGE TO HIS PARENTS FOR
THEM TO FIND HIM A WIFE!"



"**PRINCESS ASA** WAS THEIR
CHOICE! IT WAS SAID THAT THE
RICHNESS OF HER DOWRY WAS
SECOND ONLY TO HER BEAUTY!
SHE OWNED PRICELESS RUGS,
THE FINEST FABRICS, SILVER
PLATES, JEWELRY OF SOLID
GOLD, AND PRECIOUS STONES!"



"THE SHIP THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO CARRY THE TREASURE COULD BARELY FLOAT-- ITS CARGO WAS TOO HEAVY!"



"THE MOST PRECIOUS OBJECT WAS A CHEST CONTAINING NEITHER GOLD NOR DIAMONDS... BUT RATHER *PERFUME!*"



IT CAME FROM FAR OFF **PERSIA!** NO OTHER QUEEN HAD ANYTHING AS RARE AND PRECIOUS!

OOOH!

WHAT A TALL TALE! THE VIKINGS NEVER WENT TO PERSIA!

HEE!
HEE!
HEE!



YOU'RE WRONG, VANILLA! THE VIKINGS TRADED WITH CONSTANTINOPLE AND PRODUCTS REACHED THERE FROM NOT JUST PERSIA, BUT CHINA!



SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, MR. SQUID! YOUR STORY IS FASCINATING!

THANK YOU, PROFESSOR RATCLIFF! AS I WAS SAYING...



"...THE SEA VOYAGE WAS LONG AND THE SHIP WAS VERY HEAVY!"



"THE CAPTAIN TOOK THE WRONG ROUTE AND APPROACHED THE ISLAND FROM THE NORTH, NEAR VERY WINDY POINT!"



"IT'S A BAD BUSINESS OVER THERE WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLOWS! THE WAVES WERE AS HIGH AS TOWERS AND THE CURRENTS WERE UNFORGIVING!"

CRASH



"WITHOUT A RUDDER AND WITH THE SAILS RIPPED, SUCH A HEAVY SHIP WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STEER."

OH, NO!
THEY SANK!

NO WAY! THE
CAPTAIN THREW
THE TREASURE
INTO THE SEA
INSTEAD!

NEITHER OF
THOSE, KIDS!
BUT I SEE THAT
YOU'RE EXCITED
TO HEAR WHAT
HAPPENED!
HEE! HEE!

"EVERYONE WAS SAVED! THEY JUMPED ONTO MAKESHIFT RAFTS AND LET THE SHIP DRIFT AWAY!"

"LUCKILY FOR THEM, KING HARALD HAD BUILT TOWERS ALONG THE COAST, AND THEY WERE SPOTTED!"

OVER
THERE!
LOOK!



THE CAPTAIN OF
THE SHIP WAS IN
DESPAIR...

FORGIVE ME,
SIRE! THE
TREASURE IS
LOST!

"...BUT HARALD WASN'T
LISTENING, AS HE ONLY
HAD EYES FOR THE
BEAUTIFUL ASA!"

LET THE SEA
TAKE THE GOLD
AND THE JEWELS,
TOO! THE REAL
TREASURE
IS SAFE!

CLAP CLAP

YOUR
GRANDPA
IS A GREAT
STORY-
TELLER,
DINA!

WHAT
A
BEAUTIFUL
TALE!

AND THE
SHIP? DIDN'T
THEY TRY TO
RECOVER
THE SHIP?

OF COURSE THEY DID! THEY'VE
COMBED THE SEA BOTTOM
FOR CENTURIES... BUT IT
DISAPPEARED!

DISAPPEARED?
MAYBE NOT...



...BECAUSE I THINK WHAT WE FOUND IN THE GROTTA IS REALLY **PRINCESS ASA'S SHIP!**

NEWS OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE VIKING VESSEL APPEARED ON TV BROADCASTS ALL OVER THE WORLD...

...AND FOR A WHILE, NO ONE ON WHALE ISLAND TALKED ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE!



THIS DISCOVERY'S JUST A PUBLICITY STUNT!

YOU'RE WRONG! VAN KRAKEN IS A FIRST-RATE SCIENTIST!

IF THE PROFESSOR SAYS THAT'S ASA'S SHIP, I BELIEVE HIM! AND I SAY WE SHOULD RECOVER THE **TREASURE!**

FORGET IT! DON'T TOUCH IT! THAT'S ALL STUFF FOR MUSEUMS!

SO THEN LET'S PUT IT IN A MUSEUM. THAT WAY THE TOURISTS'LL LINE UP TO SEE IT.

THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ISLAND! WE MUSTN'T LET IT GET AWAY!

RECOVERING THE TREASURE WILL COST A FORTUNE!



LET'S ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND MAKE SURE THE FUNDS APPEAR!

WE COULD DEDICATE THE MIDWINTER FAIR TO THE VIKINGS...



...AND USE PART OF THE PROCEEDS FOR THE COST OF SALVAGING THE WRECK!

I LOVE MY LITTLE SISTER! SHE ALWAYS HAS **BRILLIANT IDEAS...** WHEN SHE'S AWAKE.



PAMELA AND PAULINA, HOWEVER, DIDN'T AGREE WITH PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN AT ALL!



HOW'D IT WIND UP INSIDE THE GROTTO? IT WOULD'VE HAD TROUBLE PASSING THROUGH THAT TUNNEL!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THAT CAN'T BE ASA'S SHIP!



THE GROTTO WAS ONCE OPEN! AN EARTHQUAKE CAUSED THE UPPER WALL TO CRUMBLE AND THAT CLOSED IT!

EVEN SO, THERE'S **NO PROOF** WE'RE REALLY DEALING WITH ASA'S SHIP!



THE **PROOF** IS THE BOTTLE PAULINA FOUND ON THE SEA FLOOR IN FRONT OF THE GROTTO!

IT SEEMS VERY OLD!



IT WAS PROF. MARBLEMOUSE WHO NOTICED THE RESEMBLANCE TO THIS PERFUME BOTTLE THAT'S IN A MUSEUM IN CYPRUS!

OH! THEY'RE ALMOST IDENTICAL!



I'LL ANALYZE THE CONTENTS TO CHECK IF IT'S REALLY PERFUME!

WANT TO GIVE ME A HAND, GIRLS?

YES!



HMM... ANALYZING CENTURIES-OLD PERFUME ISN'T A WALK IN THE PARK! SINCE WHEN DID WE BECOME CHEMISTRY EXPERTS?

SINCE THAT GENIUS SHEN FELL IN LOVE WITH PAMELA AND DOES EVERYTHING SHE ASKS HIM TO.

DRAT!

HA! HA! HA!

THREE MONTHS
LATER...

... "VIKING FEVER" IS
STILL GOING STRONG
AT MOUSEFORD
ACADEMY...



BE VERY AFRAID!
CRAIG THE RED HAS
ARRIVED!

LOOK AT CRAIG! HE LOOKS
LIKE A REAL VIKING!

HEE! HEE!



YOU'RE LATE, VIC! THE
WARRIOR COSTUMES
ARE ALREADY ALL
TAKEN... ONLY A
FISHERMAN'S
LEFT!

I DON'T DRESS UP
IN COSTUMES. AT
THE FAIR, I'LL BE
THE SUPERVISOR--
CERTAINLY NOT
A CHEESE
VENDOR!



I HAVE GREAT
NEWS,
GIRLS!

THE GECKO
CLUB'S GOING
TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE MIDWINTER
FAIR...



THAT'S THE NEWS?
THEY DO THAT
EVERY YEAR,
JUST LIKE US
LIZARDS!

THERE ARE SOME
THINGS A PRESIDENT
SHOULD KNOW...

BUT I DISCOVERED
THAT THIS YEAR, THEY'RE
GOING TO DRESS
UP LIKE
VIKINGS!

*TANYA BEAT OUT ALICIA IN THE
COMPETITION TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF
THE LIZARD CLUB. SEE THEA STILTON #2
"REVENGE OF THE LIZARD CLUB."

THE LIZARDS WON'T BE
OUTDONE! WE'LL WEAR
COSTUMES FOR THE
FAIR, TOO!

THAT'S
GREAT! WE'LL
DRESS UP LIKE
VIKINGS!

AND
WE'LL SELL CAKES
AND DOUGHNUTS!

PERFECT!
THE GECKOS
ARE GOING
TO SELL
DRINKS AND
CHEESE!

BORING!

YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE
FAIR, VANILLA?

I'M GOING TO
SET UP A STAND
WITH ALL MY
COSMETICS AND
JEWELRY!

THIS YEAR,
LET'S FORGET
THE RIVALRY
WITH THE
GECKOS AND
MERGE
OUR STANDS!

LISTEN!
I HAVE
ANOTHER IDEA...

WOW!

OH, CAN WE HELP,
TOO, VANILLA?
PLEASE!

WHY? IT'S
NEVER BEEN
DONE...

THE MONEY WE'LL EARN
COULD BE USED TO SALVAGE
THE VIKING SHIP! WHY BE
RIVALS WHEN WE HAVE
THE SAME GOAL?

I AGREE! LET'S
PUT THE STANDS
TOGETHER!



THAT WAY
I CAN
BE NEAR
CRAIG!

FOR ONCE, VANILLA'S
SPITEFULNESS HITS THE
NAIL ON THE HEAD!



...ONE BIG DISPLAY
OF DESSERT AND
CHEESE? WHY
NOT?

FANTASTIC!
THEN YOU AND
I WILL WORK
TOGETHER TO--



TALK TO CRAIG ABOUT
IT! I'M PRESIDENT OF
THE CLUB AND I LET MY
ASSISTANTS TAKE CARE
OF ALL THE DETAILS!

OH...



HEY THERE, BABY SIS!
ARE YOU GOING TO DRESS
UP AS PRINCESS ASA?

IN YOUR
DREAMS! I'M
GOING TO SELL
COSMETICS, NOT
BREAD AND
CHEESE!



LET'S SEE IF I
CAN GUESS! MOM
SENT YOU A
FEW OF
HER
EXPIRED
PRODUCTS...

...AND I'LL
SELL THEM BELOW
COST, AFTER
REPLACING
THE TAGS!



I'LL EARN MORE BY MYSELF
THAN THE REST OF THE WHOLE
FAIR PUT TOGETHER.
WANNA BET?

NOT ON
YOUR LIFE!
THE GECKOS AND
LIZARDS DON'T
STAND A CHANCE
AGAINST A **VIPER**
LIKE YOU!



THE MIDWINTER FAIR IS ALWAYS A SPECIAL EVENT ON WHALE ISLAND, BUT THIS YEAR IT'S EVEN MORE SO...



THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO START THE JOB OF RECOVERING THE VIKING SHIP!



TO DO THIS, EVERYONE WORKS TO MAKE THE ISLAND PRETTIER...



...WITH DECORATIONS AND LIGHTS ALONG THE STREETS, ON THE SIDES OF THE HOUSES, AND IN THE WINDOWS OF THE STORES AND HOTELS!



LAVENDER ASKS HER SISTER, DINA, TO HELP DECORATE THE ZANZI BAZAAR, AND DINA BRINGS THE THEA SISTERS ALONG WITH HER!

BE CAREFUL, LAVENDER!

THERE, I HUNG IT UP!

DECORATING A STORE IS FUN, BUT **TIRING!**



CHAMOMILE SEEMS THE MOST RELAXED...

SHE NEVER LEAVES THE CASH REGISTER! IT'S HER **COMMAND POST!**

COMMAND POST? IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE IT'S HER **SNOOZE POST!**



I DON'T THINK PINK WOULD'VE BEEN THE VIKINGS' FAVORITE COLOR, COLETTE!

MAYBE NOT... BUT MY PRINCESS AS A DOLL LOVES IT!



I WAS THINKING OF DRESSING UP KING HARALD!



AT THE END OF A LONG DAY OF WORK...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE WITHOUT YOUR HELP, GIRLS!

GORGEOUS!

NOW LET'S GO SET UP OUR STAND!

FIRST YOU HAVE TO CONVINCE COLETTE! OUR BEAUTY QUEEN SAYS SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SELL CHEESE AND DESSERTS TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE ELSE!

I WAS JUST SAYING WE COULD THINK UP SOMETHING FUN! WE'VE GOT LOTS OF IMAGINATION!

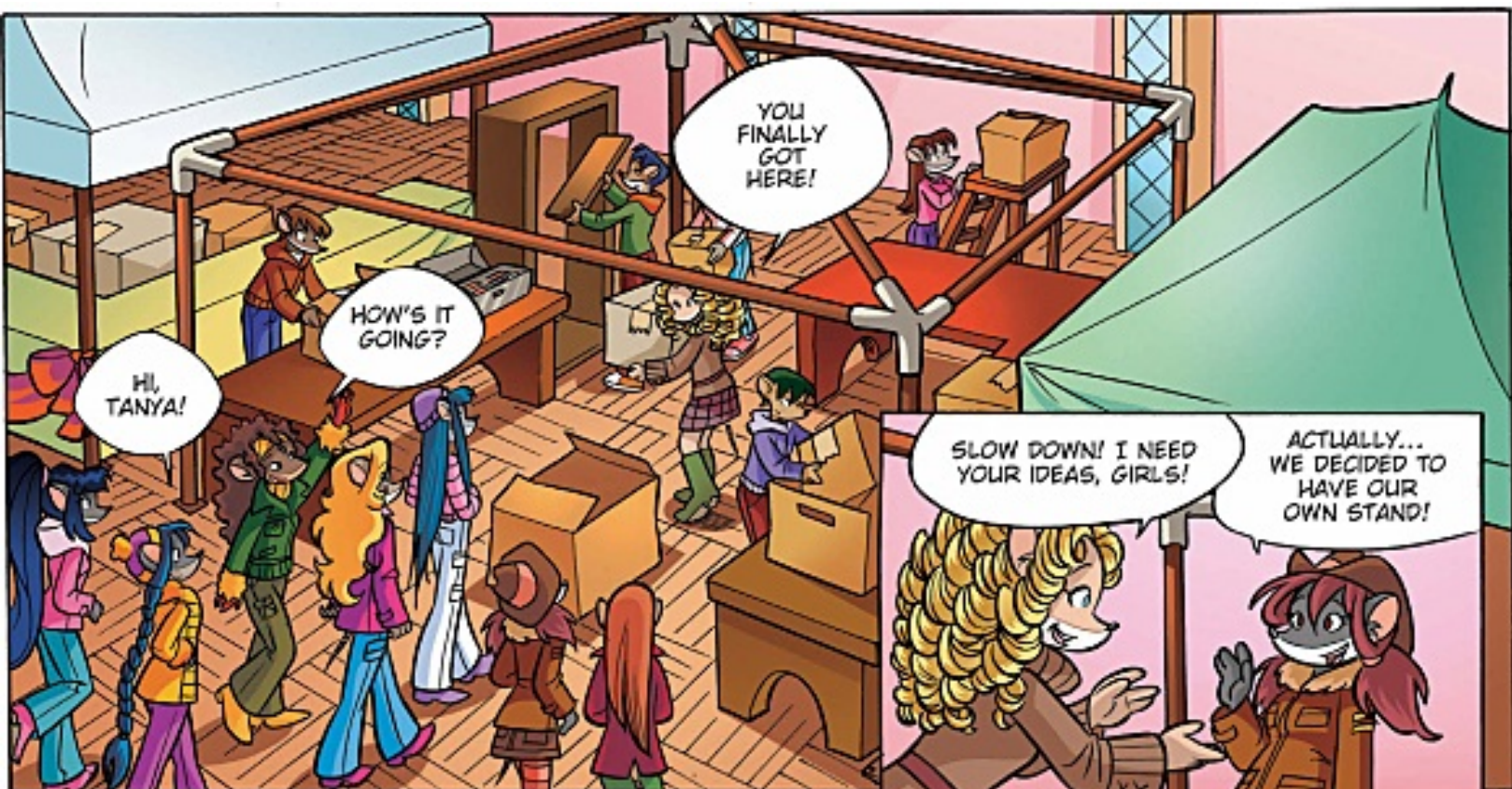
I'LL GO WITH YOU! I'M CURIOUS TO SEE HOW FAR ALONG THE PREPARATIONS ARE AT THE MARKET-PLACE!

HOW BEAUTIFUL!

AND HOW COLD!
->BRRR!->

IT STILL NEEDS A GOOD DEAL OF WORK!

WELL, THE FAIR'S STILL A WEEK AWAY FROM OPENING!

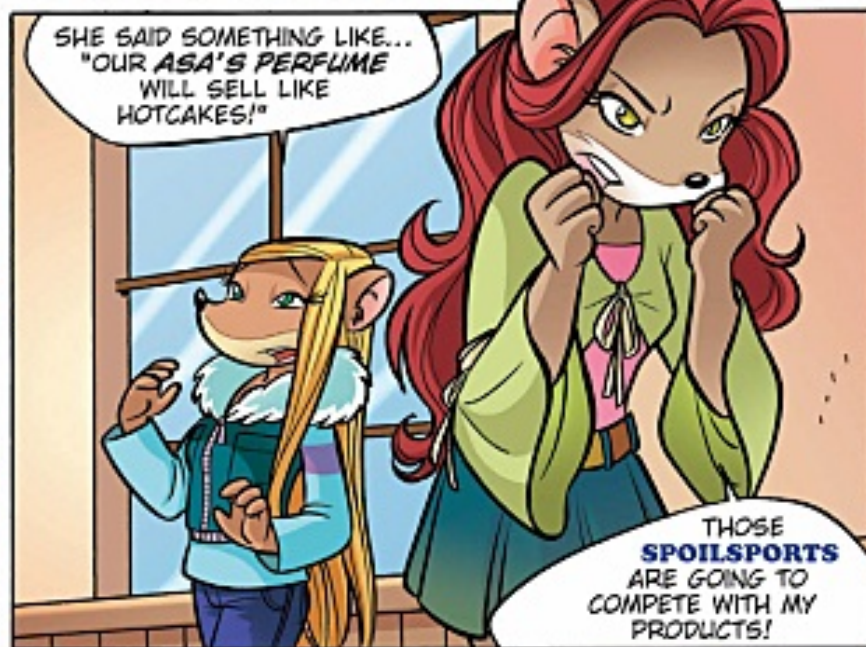














THAT SAME EVENING...

ONE LAST RECOMMENDATION, MY FRIENDS! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AN IDEA FOR AN OUTDOORS EXCURSION, GO TO THE MIDWINTER FAIR ON WHALE ISLAND...

...AND DON'T MISS ASA'S PERFUME!

EVEN VISSIA DE VISSSEN LISTENS TO "PATRICIA SUGGESTS!"

A FRAGRANCE THAT WILL WIN YOU OVER!

A NEW PERFUME... AND I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

THIS HAS TO BE THE WORK OF VANILLA! MY YOUNGEST IS EVER SO BRILLIANT!

BUT A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT AWAITS VISSIA...

HOW? WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ASA'S PERFUME" ISN'T YOURS?

WELL... I'VE MADE A VIKING ELIXIR AND...

RUBBISH!

I WANT TO KNOW WHO CREATED THAT PERFUME!

I DON'T HAVE THE NERVE TO TELL HER IT WAS THE THEA SISTERS!

UW... ALL I KNOW... IS THEY'RE SELLING IT AT THE ZANZI BAZAAR!

AND WHEN VISSIA DECIDES SOMETHING, NO ONE CAN HOLD OUT AGAINST HER...

THAT PERFUME HAS TO BE MINE!

... EXCEPT THE UNFLAPPABLE CHAMOMILE!

I'M VISSIA DE VISSSEN, OWNER OF DE VISSSEN COSMETICS!

THE STORE IS CLOSED!

I MEAN TO BUY THE FORMULA FOR "ASA'S PERFUME!"

THE STORE IS CLOSED!

PRICE IS NO PROBLEM! NAME YOUR PRICE AND--

--AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT THE STORE IS CLOSED!

SHE DARED HANG UP ON ME?

Click

WHO WAS IT?

MEH, SOMEONE WHO WANTED SOME PERFUME.

ALAN! CALL THE BREAK-IN BROTHERS RIGHT AWAY!

BERT AND HARRY BREAK-IN! WHATEVER DOES SHE WANT WITH THOSE LOW-LIFES?

IF THEY WON'T SELL ME THE FORMULA... I'LL TAKE IT FROM THEM MYSELF!

VISSIA DE VISSEN KNOWS
WHICH **SPECIALISTS**
TO TURN TO!

I WANT THE
FORMULA
FOR THAT PERFUME!
IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHAT YOU DO
TO GET IT!

GOT IT!

ANOTHER THING!
WE NEVER MET!

GOT IT!

NO TALK AND
ALL ACTION! THESE
ARE PEOPLE
I LIKE!

FRIDAY MORNING, THE FIRST
TOURISTS, HEADED FOR THE
FAIR, ARRIVE ON THE NEW
MOUSE CITY FERRY!

BUT NOT EVERYONE HEADS
FOR THE MARKETPLACE...

HERE'S THE
ZANZI BAZAAR!

WE'VE
GOT ALL DAY
TO CHECK IT
INSIDE AND
OUT!

A FESTIVE CROWD SPILLS OUT
AMONG THE STANDS AT THE
FAIR, MANY MORE THAN IN
PREVIOUS YEARS!



THE LIZARD AND
GECKO'S DOUBLE STAND
IS VERY CROWDED!



THE GREAT DESSERTS AND
CHEESE INCREASE SALES...



...AND THE NICE
STUDENTS
HELP, TOO!



VANILLA'S LONG COUNTER ATTRACTS GIRLS AND WOMEN LIKE BEES TO HONEY!

THESE ARE
THE BEST QUALITY
COSMETICS! AT
SPECIAL PRICES!

DO YOU HAVE "ASA'S
PERFUME?"

NO...
BUT WE'VE
GOT "VIKING
ELIXIR!"

NO, THANKS!

-GRRR!-
THEY ALL WANT
THE THEA SISTERS'
CONCOCTION!

AT THE ZANZI
BAZAAR, ON THE
OTHER HAND...

DRAT!

HOW
BORING!

THEY'RE
ALL GOING TO
THE MARKET-
PLACE!

IT'S COLD
OUTSIDE! SOON
EVERYONE'LL GO TO
THE FLYING DUTCHMAN TO
GET WARMED UP AGAIN
AND THEN THEY'LL
ALSO SEE US,
I'M SURE!

THE MIDWINTER FAIR BRINGS EXCELLENT BUSINESS TO THE WHOLE ISLAND... AND, THEREFORE, THE FLYING DUTCHMAN, TOO!



IN THE MEANTIME, THE BREAK-IN-BROTHERS DON'T MOVE FROM THEIR POSTS!



MEANWHILE, AT THE MARKETPLACE, BUSINESS ISN'T GOING AS VANILLA HAD HOPED!



DO YOU HAVE ASA'S PERFUME?

THEY'RE SMELLING AND THEY'RE TRYING, BUT THEY'RE BUYING ALMOST NOTHING!

NOOOO! I DON'T HAVE ANY "ASA'S PERFUME!"

~GASP!~

HOW RUDE! SHE'LL DRIVE ALL THE CUSTOMERS AWAY!



WHAT BEHAVIOR!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT RUDE GIRL, MA'AM! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE YOU CAN FIND ASA'S PERFUME!



SO, THANKS TO TANYA'S INFORMATION, THE ZANZI BAZAAR IS SOON MOBBED WITH CUSTOMERS!



I LOOKED ALL OVER THE FAIR FOR THIS PERFUME!

I'LL BUY THREE BOTTLES OF IT!

FIVE FOR ME!

PATRICIA PARIS EVEN RECOMMENDED IT ON HER TV SHOW!

AT THE END
OF THE DAY...



I DIDN'T
THINK BEING
A SALES
CLERK
WOULD BE
SO TIRING!

I'D RATHER
GO MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING!

WE'RE SOLD OUT
OF PERFUME...

AND THE
JARS, TOO!



I ALERTED
LEG'S MOM.
SHE'S ALREADY
MAKING
MO-- OOPS!

OH, NOOO!
NOW I'LL HAVE
TO PICK THEM UP
ONE BY ONE!

DON'T WORRY! WE'RE ALL
TIRED AND DESERVE A
LITTLE BREAK! WE'LL
STRAIGHTEN UP
TOMORROW MORNING!

WE'LL SAID! MY
STOMACH NEEDS TO
GET FILLED UP!

THANKS,
LAVENDER!

I'M SO
WIPED OUT
I COULD GO
STRAIGHT TO BED!

IN THE DEAD
OF NIGHT...



NO SECURITY LOCKS!
IT'S NICE TO SEE
THERE'RE STILL FOLKS
THAT COUNT ON THEIR
NEIGHBORS! HEE!
HEE! HEE!

CLANK

A SMALL JOB ALL TOO EASILY FINISHED BY TWO PROFESSIONALS LIKE THE BREAK-IN BROTHERS, BUT...

LET'S FIND THAT FORMULA QUICKLY! I WANT TO GO HUNT FOR THE TREASURE!

YAGHH!

THUMP

WATCH OUT!

DOOF!

SWISH

HELP...

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, HARRY!

YOU WOKE UP THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD!

WHO'S THERE?

WHAT WAS THAT?

BURGLARS AT THE ZANZI BAZAAR!

THE NEXT MORNING, NEWS OF THE NOCTURNAL INTRUSION ARRIVES EARLY AT MOUSEFORD ACADEMY...

...LUCKILY THEY DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING!

WHAT SCOUNDRELS!

BUT WHAT DID THEY THINK THEY'D FIND THAT WAS SO VALUABLE?





HERE'S WHAT
PAMELA MEANS
BY A REAL
BURGLAR
ALARM!



"MY MOM USES
THIS TO PROTECT
HER FABULOUS
PUMPKIN PIES!

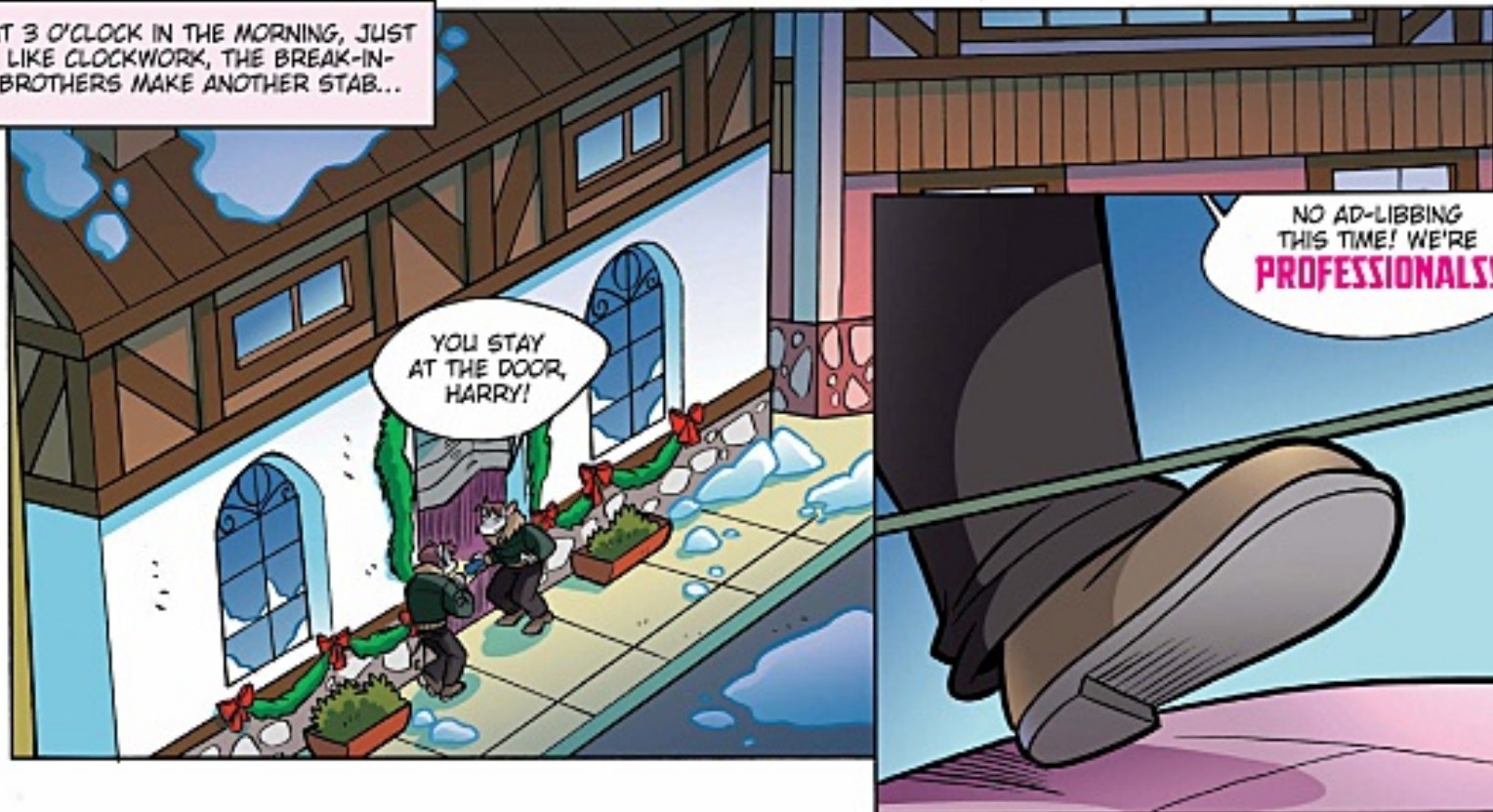
"IF IT WORKS
FOR TEN WILD
TANGUS,* IT'LL
WORK FOR OUR
MYSTERIOUS
BURGLARS!

"ONCE THEY FALL INTO
THE WEB, THEY'LL TRY TO
ESCAPE AND... WELL, THAT
THING UP TOP IS MY
SECRET WEAPON!
MOM JUST
USES JINGLE
BELLS!"

**WOW!
BRILLIANT!**

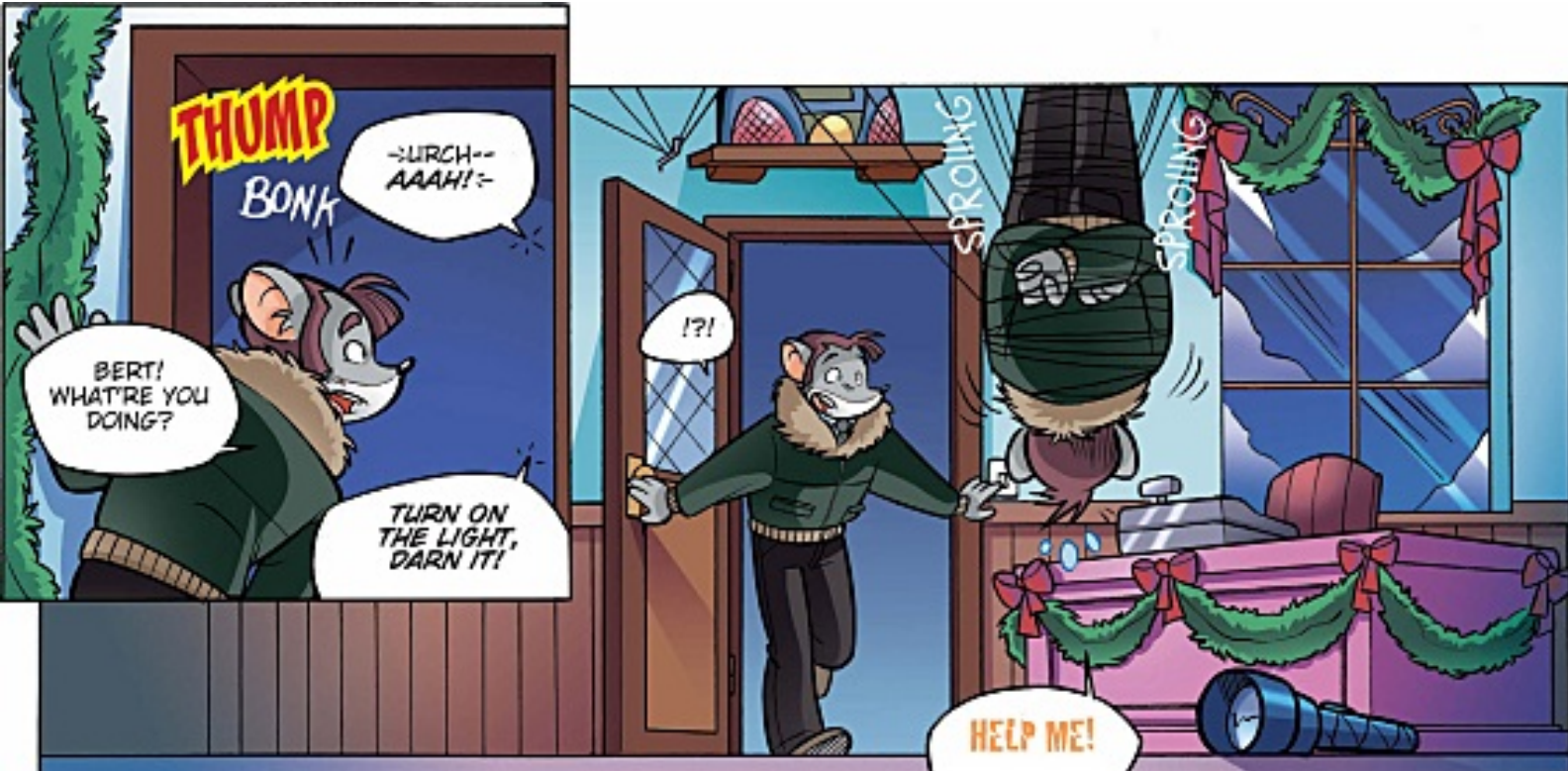
TANGU IS PAMELA'S LAST
NAME. SHE HAS FOUR SISTERS
AND FIVE BROTHERS... THEY
ALL LOVE FOOD, JUST LIKE
HER! IF YOU WANT TO GET
TO KNOW THEM, READ THE
THEA SISTERS' BOOK, **BIG
TROUBLE IN THE BIG APPLE.**

AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, JUST
LIKE CLOCKWORK, THE BREAK-IN-
BROTHERS MAKE ANOTHER STAB...



YOU STAY
AT THE DOOR,
HARRY!

NO AD-LIBBING
THIS TIME! WE'RE
PROFESSIONALS!



PAM'S ANTI BREAK-
IN DEVICE HAS
WORKED, BUT...



...IT'S HER SECRET
WEAPON THAT HAS A
RESONATING RESULT!



THE FOLLOWING MORNING,
AT OPENING TIME...

THANK YOU ALL, MY FRIENDS!
AFTER LAST NIGHT'S LESSON,
I REALLY DON'T THINK
THEY'LL TRY AGAIN!

I'M STILL
WONDERING WHAT
THEY WANTED
TO STEAL!

PAMELA,
YOU'RE
GREAT!

VISSIA, IN THE MEANTIME,
CONSULTS HER SECRETARY, ALAN.

ANY NEWS FROM
THE BREAK-IN-
BROTHERS?

NOTHING,
MA'AM!

A COUPLE
OF SLACKERS!
WHEN'RE
THEY GOING
TO DECIDE
TO DO
SOMETHING?

IS THAT
YOUR CELL
PHONE,
PAULINA?

NO, IT
MUST BE
YOURS!

THE
SOUND'S
COMING FROM
DOWN HERE!

BRING BRING
BRIII!!!

OH! AND HOW'D
THIS WIND UP
UNDER THE
COUNTER?

HEL--

YOU
FINALLY
DECIDED
TO
ANSWER!

BRING
BRING
BRIII!!!





IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF ANY OLD BURGLARS, BUT OF **PROFESSIONALS!** WE HAVE TO TRACK THEM DOWN IMMEDIATELY! IT COULD BE **DANGEROUS!**

I THINK I KNOW WHO THEY MAY BE!

I SAW TWO BIG, TALL GUYS ALL DRESSED IN BLACK MOVING AROUND NEAR HERE! THEY HAD A ROOM AT THE FLYING DUTCHMAN! IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE KEEPING TABS ON THE STORE!

AND YOU'RE JUST TELLING US THIS NOW?

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WEARING BLACK!

I'M GOING TO ASK LEO WHO THOSE TWO ARE!

DINA, WAIT! I'M COMING, TOO!

AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH VANILLA! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

RIGHT!

DO YOU HAVE ASA'S PERFUME!

SORRY, THE STORE'S CLOSED!

OH, WELL, SHE WAS SHOUTING AT ME ANYWAY...

THE THEA SISTERS DEMAND AN EXPLANATION...

MY MOTHER WANTED TO STEAL YOUR PERFUME! RIDICULOUS!

IMPOSSIBLE!

...BUT VIC AND VANILLA DON'T SEEM ABLE TO GIVE THEM ONE!

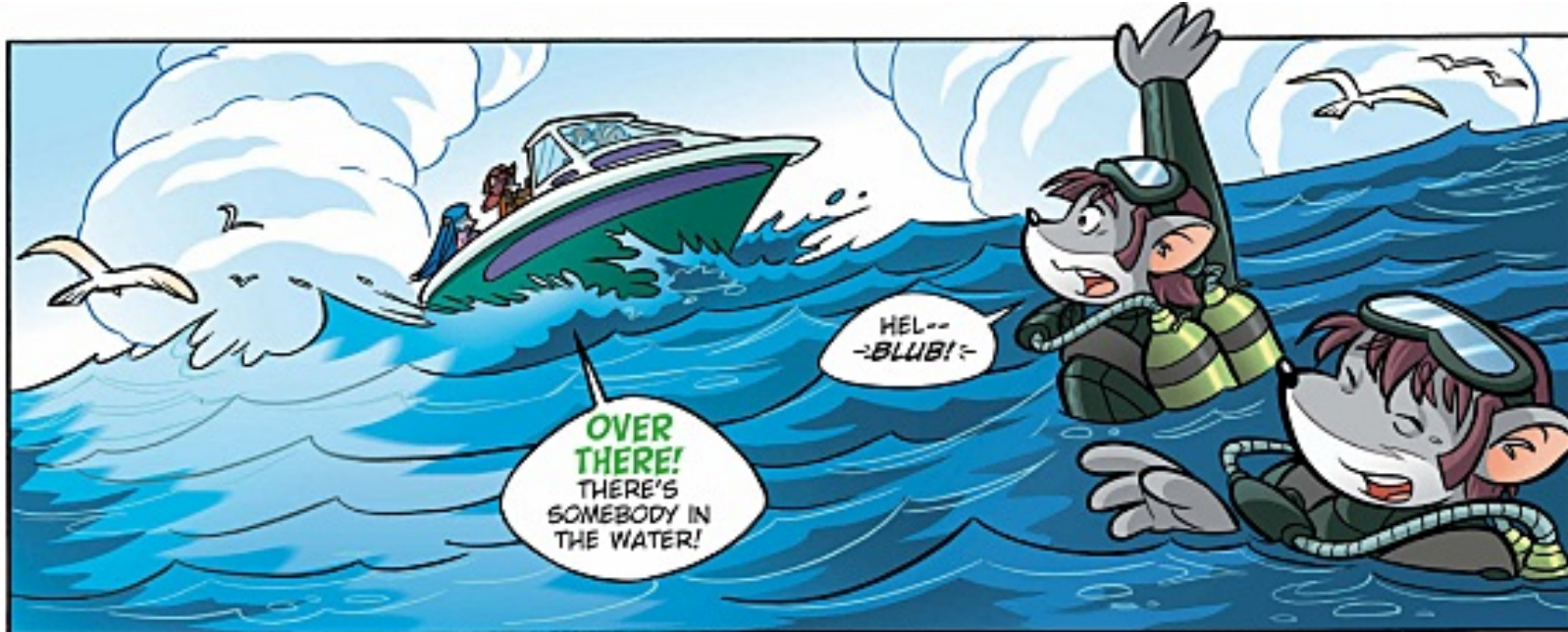


PAMELA'S HEART LEAPS WITH A STRANGE PREMONITION... WHICH PUSHES HER TO CALL PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN AT THE MARINE BIOLOGY LAB RIGHT AWAY!









UPON RETURNING, THE TWO CRIMINALS GET TURNED OVER TO THE COAST GUARD!

THESE TWO TRICKSTERS LOST THE BATHYSCAPHE IN THE SEA WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO STEAL THE TREASURE FROM THE VIKING SHIP!

BUT WE DIDN'T DO IT FOR OURSELVES!

HUH?

IT WAS VISSIA DE VISSSEN WHO HIRED US TO GET OUR HANDS ON THE TREASURE!

WHAAAT?

THAT'S NOT TRUE! THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO SHIFT THE BLAME TO SOMEONE ELSE!

I HEARD VISSIA DE VISSSEN YELLING ON THE PHONE! SHE WANTED THE FORMULA FOR OUR PERFUME... AND SHE NEVER MENTIONED THE SHIP AND ITS TREASURE!

THANKS, NICKY!

I JUST TOLD THE TRUTH!

HOWEVER, YOUR MOTHER'S STILL INTERESTED IN THE PERFUME...

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, PAULINA?

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE HER OUR PERFUME!

WHY NOT? IF SHE WANTS IT FROM US SO MUCH, SHE'LL COUGH UP A PRETTY PENNY FOR THAT FORMULA!

AND WITH THE MONEY WE GET, WE'LL FUND SALVAGING THE SHIP!

LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL PERSUADE MY MOM THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO GET **GREAT PUBLICITY!**

THE FAIR ENDS WITH AN UNEXPECTED VISIT!



AS VIC SAID, VISSIA IMMEDIATELY SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET PUBLICITY!

HOW COME YOU'RE HERE AT THE FAIR, MS. DE VISSSEN?

I'VE BOUGHT THE FORMULA FOR ASA'S PERFUME...AND SOON YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND IT IN ALL MY STORES!

BUT I ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.



→GRRR!←
SHE'S SUCH A PAIN!
I REALLY CAN'T
STAND HER!

THINK ABOUT
THE CHECK SHE
SIGNED...AND
SMILE!



THESE KIDS
CREATED "ASA'S
PERFUME!"

THEY'RE
DONATING THE
ENTIRE SUM I
PAID THEM TO
THE FUND FOR
SALVAGING THE
VIKING SHIP.



AS FOR ME, I'LL FINANCE
BUILDING A MUSEUM TO
HOUSE THE WRECK ONCE
IT'S BEEN RECOVERED!

HURRAY!
HURRAY!

CLAP CLAP





THE VIKING
SHIP'LL BE
A GREAT
ATTRACTION FOR
THE ISLAND!

EVERYONE'LL
COME TO
SEE IT!

OUR STAND
WAS SUCCESSFUL!
VANILLA, HOWEVER,
SOLD LESS THAN
ANYONE!

~GRRR!~
THOSE
SIMPERING FOOLS
ARE ALWAYS
SHOWING OFF!

THANKS TO
YOU, GIRLS, VISSIA
WILL BECOME THE
BIGGEST DONOR TO
WHALE ISLAND,
IN SPITE OF
HERSELF!

HA! HA!
HA!

END

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Welcome to the treasure-laden third THEA STILTON graphic novel from Papercutz, the folks dedicated to publishing great graphic novels for all ages. I'm Salicrup, *Jim Salicrup*, Editor-in-Chief and unofficial Mouseford Academy Truant Officer.

Instead of me yapping about THEA STILTON or the many other wonderful Papercutz titles available to you, let's just play a little game shall we? Just draw a line between the pictured Thea Sister or other Papercutz character on the left with their correct name on the right. It's that easy! Answers are printed upside-down at the bottom of this page in teeny-tiny type.

Oh, and don't forget to look out for THEA STILTON #4 "Catching the Giant Wave," coming soon. Check out the preview on the following pages.

Class dismissed!

Thanks,

Jim

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Caricature of Jim by Steve Brodner at the MoCCA Art Fest.

1



A – Paulina

2



B – Nya (From LEGO® NINJAGO, she's a ninja!)

3



C – Pamela

4



D – Petula (From ARIOL, she's Ariol's secret love!)

5



E – Smurfette (From THE SMURFS, she's a female Smurf!)

6



F – Colette

7



G – Nicky

8



H – Julie (From DANCE CLASS, she's a dance student!)

9



I – Tinker Bell (From DISNEY FAIRIES, she's a fairy!)

10



J – Violet

ANSWERS: 1-B 2-D 3-C 4-E 5-F 6-G 7-A 8-H 9-I 10-J



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FINALLY A LOVELY DAY OF SUN ON *Whale Island!* NICKY JUMPS AT THE CHANCE TO TEACH PAMELA AND PAULINA HOW TO SURF.



THE ROUGH, CHOPPY SEA AT VERY WINDY POINT CALLS TO HER IRRESISTIBLY-- SINCE SHE'S USED TO THE OCEAN WAVES OF AUSTRALIA!



DON'T STIFFEN UP, PAM! LOOSE LEGS AND AN IRON WILL!

PULVERIZED PISTONS!

LOOK, VIOLET! PAM'S FACING HER FIRST WAVE!



EEH--
-GLUB!-

FWOOSH



HAI! HAI! HAI!
YOU LOOK LIKE
A SEAL, PAM!
HEE! HEE!

-SPLUT!-



CREE-
CREE-
CREE

HANG IN THERE,
PAM! YOU'VE GOT
A FUTURE-- -AHM--
IN THE FUNNY PAGES!
HA! HA!



MARY SQUID* HAS
SUDDENLY POPPED
OUT LIKE A FURY!

* ONE OF DINA'S SISTERS.
SHE RAISES BURROS
AND LIKES TO DANCE.

WHAT'LL
BECOME OF MY
BURROS, HEY?
WHERE'RE THEY GOING
TO FIND A LITTLE
PEACE FROM NOW ON?



THEY'RE DELICATE,
GENTLE ANIMALS... NOISE
STRESSES THEM! THEY'RE
TIMID, SHRINKING
FLOWERS, REALLY!

I DIDN'T
THINK
WE WERE
SHOUTING
THAT
LOUDLY!

CALM DOWN, FRILLY!



THEY WON'T
BE ABLE TO STAND
AN INVASION OF
THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS,
JEEPS, AND STINKY,
NOISY MOTORBOATS!

BUT
THERE'RE
JUST FIVE OF
US... AND WE
CAME ON
FOOT!



YES, BUT HOW MANY OF YOU
WILL THERE BE WHEN THEY
BUILD THE SURF CENTER?
RUINING SUCH A BEAUTIFUL
BEACH FOR A SILLY
SPORT!

WHO WANTS TO BUILD
A SURF CENTER?

MARY HEARD ABOUT THE NEW CENTER FROM HER SISTER DINA. SO THE THEA SISTERS DECIDE TO GET THE EXPLANATION STRAIGHT FROM HER...

IT'S THE MAYOR'S INITIATIVE! HE WANTS TO COMPETE WITH VISSIA DE VISSSEN AND HER SURF CLUB.

REALLY?!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THE MAYOR IS...

THEY JUST ELECTED HIM! IT'S ROMEO, VINCE GUYMOUSE'S COUSIN!

OH, THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT "CHEZ ROMEO!"

REALLY A NICE FUTURE!

ROMEO EXAGGERATES, BUT HE'S NOT BAD.

THE OLD CITY COUNCIL WAS AN OUTDATED INSTITUTION! THE ISLAND NEEDS A **MODERN** ADMINISTRATION!

ROMEO'S TRAVELLED THE WORLD! HE'S SEEN HOW THINGS WORK ELSEWHERE! AND NOW THAT HE'S BACK, HE WANTS TO "LAUNCH OUR ISLAND INTO THE FUTURE!"... OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS...

BUT WHY ELECT HIM, PRECISELY?

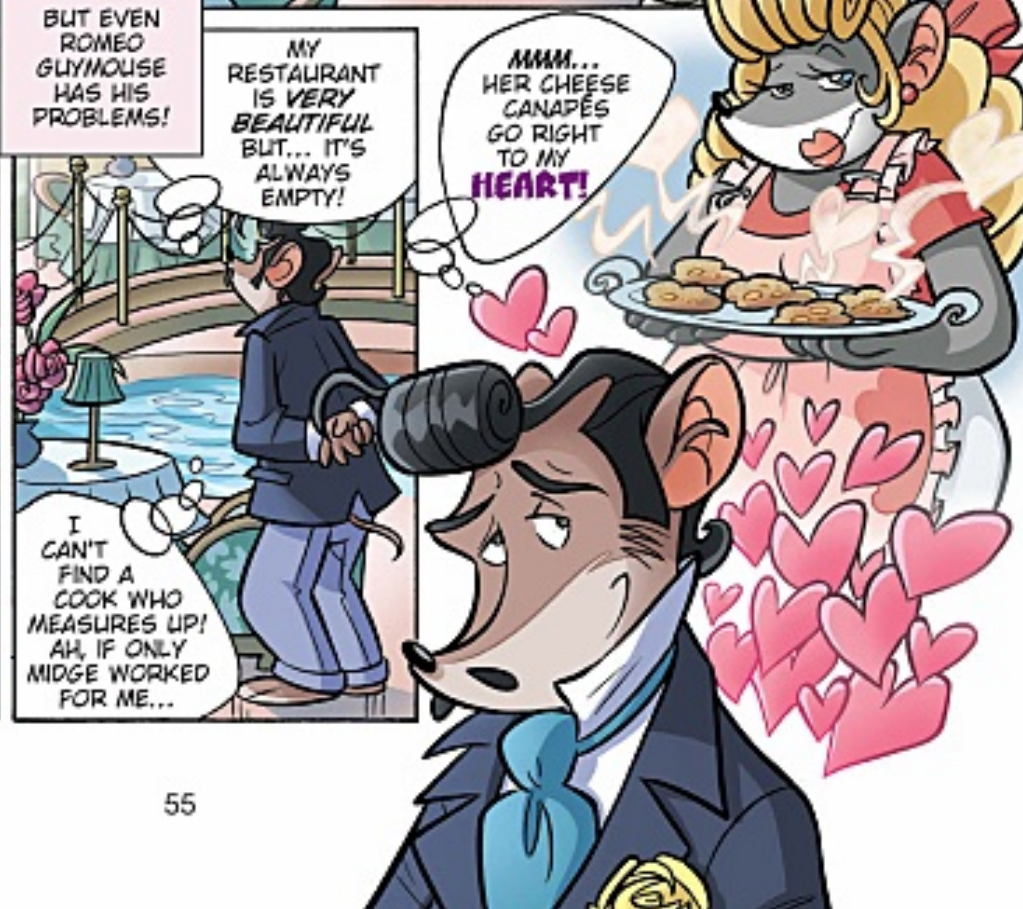
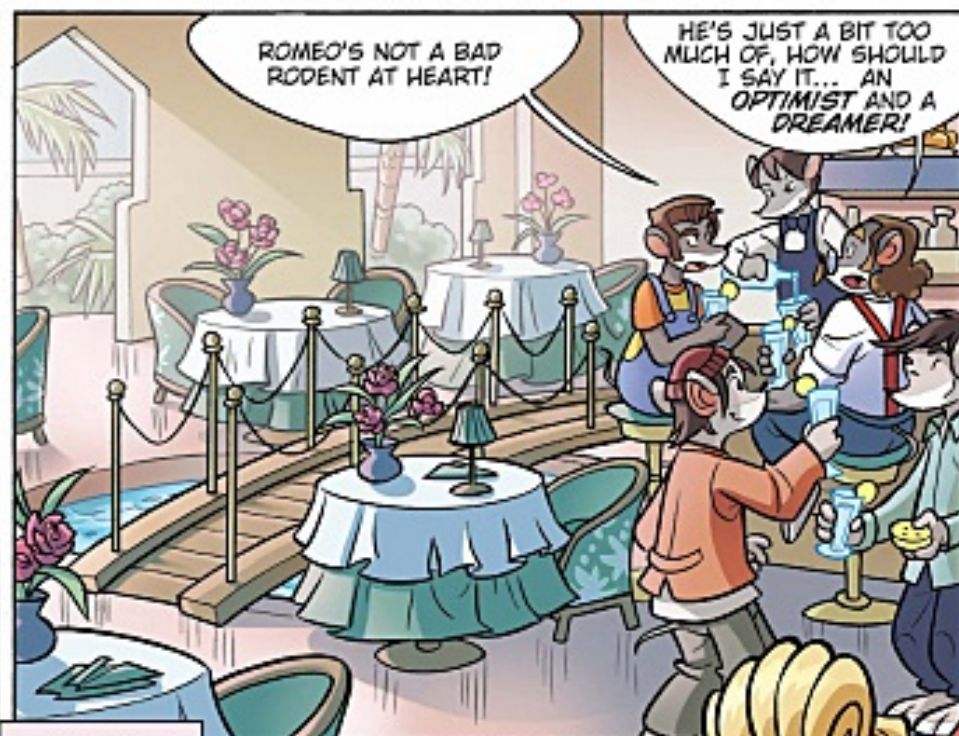
NO ONE ELSE WANTED TO TAKE ON THE JOB!

"ROMEO GUYMOUSE IS A MAYOR WITH LOTS OF IDEAS AND INITIATIVES!"

WE'LL TRANSFORM WHALE ISLAND INTO A PARADISE FOR THE RICH FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

IF ONLY RICH FOLKS STAY HERE, WHERE'LL OUR FISHERMEN GO?

EXCLUSIVE HOTELS! ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY! VERY DISTINGUISHED CLIENTELE!





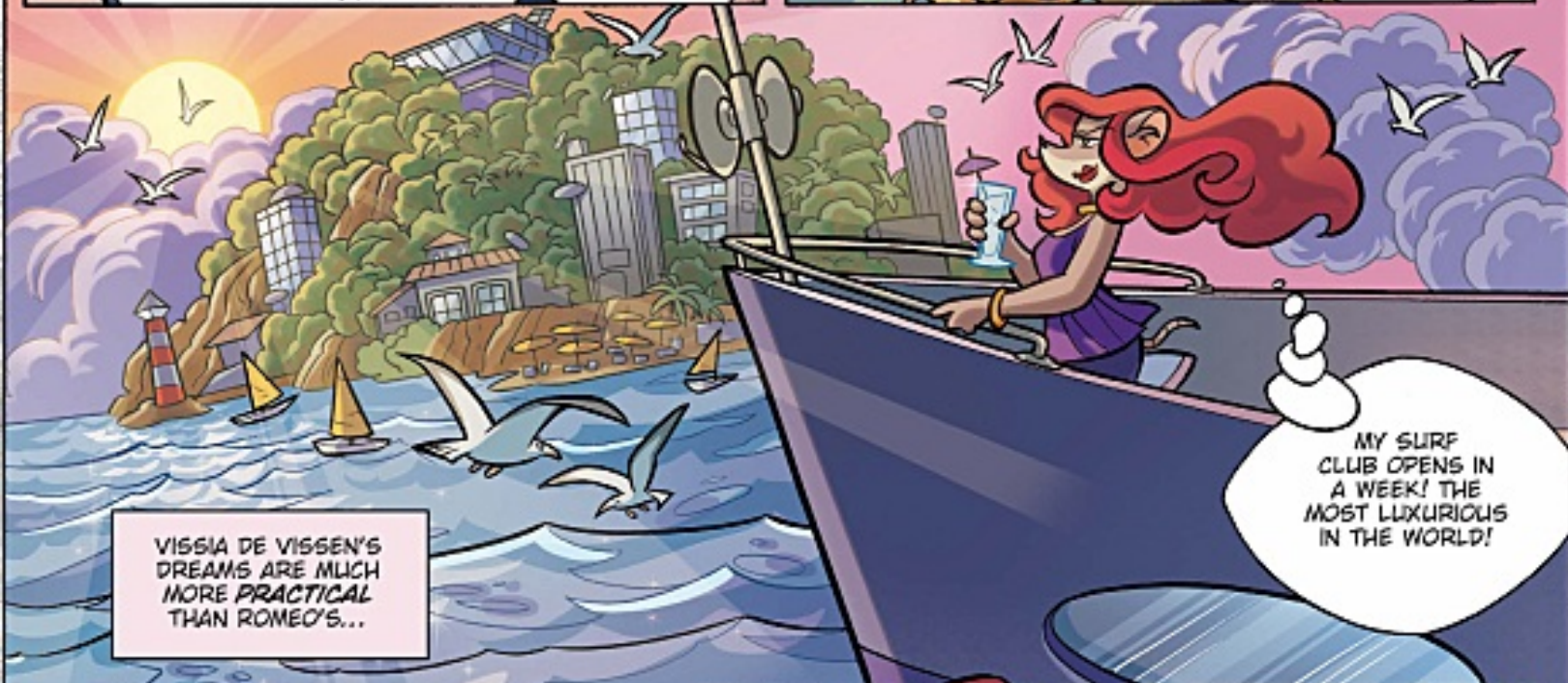
QUICK, KID,
GO TO THE FLORIST
RIGHT AWAY! BUY A BUNCH
OF ROSES AND SEND THEM TO
MOUSEFORD ACADEMY... TO
MISS MIDGE, FROM ME!

-GULP!-
YES, SIR!



HEY! WHO WANTS
TO ASK FOR THE
HAND OF YOUR
DAUGHTER
MIDGE?

-HMPH!-



VISSIA DE VISSIN'S
DREAMS ARE MUCH
MORE PRACTICAL
THAN ROMEO'S...

MY SURF
CLUB OPENS IN
A WEEK! THE
MOST LUXURIOUS
IN THE WORLD!



AND THIS
IS JUST THE
BEGINNING! NOW
IT'S TIME TO *EXPAND*
MY RANGE OF OPERATIONS!



WELCOME,
MR. MAYOR!

Don't Miss THEA STILTON #4 "Catching the Giant Wave!"

TREASURE UNDER THE SEA!

While the students at Mouseford Academy are busy salvaging an ancient Viking vessel submerged off the coast of Mouse Island, someone wants to steal the treasure that, according to legend, is hidden in the ship. Can Colette, Nicky, Pamela, Paulina, and Violet save this historic treasure— even if Vissia de Vissen is after it?

...BRINGING HIM INTO A GROTTO WHERE NO ROCKET HAD EVER GONE BEFORE!

PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS OWN EYES. THIS DISCOVERY WAS EVERY SCIENTIST'S DREAM!

THE WRECK WAS PERFECTLY PRESERVED. THE GROTTO HAD PROTECTED IT FROM THE ELEMENTS AND CURIOUS SUNKEN-TREASURE-SEEKERS!

PROFESSOR!
THAT'S A
VIKING
SHIP!

HOW
MAGNIFICENT!

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